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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

HELEN A. RUNGE,

**Plaintiff** 

v.

WALTER J. KELLY; KERRY L. BLOOMINGDALE, M.D.; and SUNBRIDGE NURSING AND REHABILITATION CENTER,

**Defendants** 

No.

b - 10849 No. 3

**CIVIL ACTION** 

MAGISTRATE JUDGE Sorokus **JURY TRIAL DEMANDED** 

## COMPLAINT

#### I. Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction is invoked pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § § 1331-1332 and 1343 on the ground that this action arises under the First and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution and under 42 U.S.C. § § 1983 and 1985. At all times relevant to this action, Defendants have acted under color of state law. At all times relevant to this action, Defendants have been residents of, and/or have a principal place of business in, Massachusetts; the prayer for relief exceeds \$75,000. Plaintiff invokes this Court's pendent jurisdiction with respect to her claims based on the statutory and common law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

## II. Venue

Venue in this district is authorized by 28 U.S.C. § 1391(c), under residency, and because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to Plaintiff's claims arose here.

## III. Parties

- 1. Plaintiff Helen A. Runge, is an 89-year old adult individual who currently resides at White Oak Manor, 70 Oak Street, Tryon, North Carolina 28782.
- 2. Defendant Walter J. Kelly (hereinafter referred to as "Defendant Kelly"), an adult individual, is a member of the Massachusetts Bar with a place of business at 1996 Centre Street, West Roxbury, Massachusetts 02132.
- 3. Defendant Kerry L. Bloomingdale, M.D. (hereinafter referred to as "Defendant Bloomingdale"), an adult individual, is a licensed medical practitioner with a place of business at 592 Quinobequin Road, Waban, Massachusetts 02468.
- 4. Defendant Sunbridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (hereinafter referred to as "Defendant Sunbridge") is a corporation licensed to do business in Massachusetts trading and doing business as Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation for Randolph with a business address of 49 Thomas Patten Drive, Randolph, Massachusetts 02368.

## IV. Background

6. Helen A. Runge (hereinafter referred to as "Runge" or "Plaintiff"), an adult individual, born in 1915, was a lifetime resident of Boston, Massachusetts, until

moving to North Carolina in late April 2003 to live with her daughter, Dorothy Stanley, and son-in-law, Gilbert Stanley.

- Runge was born in South Boston, Massachusetts, to Lithuanian parents, 7. has supported herself since age 15, was married for a short period of time, and had one daughter Dorothy Stanley née Runge as a result of that union, who was born on January 4, 1941.
- Soon after the birth of her daughter, Dorothy, Runge became divorced 8. from her husband and the father of Dorothy and thereafter lived and worked in the Boston area until April 2003 as a single person.
- Runge was employed by NSTAR (Boston Edison) for 30 plus years until 9. her retirement sometime around 1980.
- 10. Runge lived by herself for nearly 30 years in a third-floor, walk-up apartment in the Hyde Park area of Boston at 75 Sierra Road, Hyde Park, Massachusetts.
- Runge always managed her own affairs including her finances. For years, 11. when necessary, Runge utilized Attorney Peter Kerr, who retired from the practice of law in 1998.
- Kerr shared office space with Defendant Kelly who represented himself to 12. Runge be the law partner of Kerr when, in fact, the only relationship was that they shared office space.

- In 2001, Runge contacted Defendant Kelly, understanding that he had 13. taken over Attorney Kerr's clients, to provide her with legal assistance as a result of her decision to and in preparation of entering an assisted living facility, Marian Manor.
- 14. At the time of the decision to enter Marian Manor, Runge, who was still living in the Hyde Park section of Boston, was 85 years of age, and was finding it increasingly difficult to climb the four flights of stairs to her apartment. Runge felt that it was important for her to be near persons closer to her age and also in a facility that would look out for her and care for her, if necessary.
- 15. Runge was aware of Marian Manor in South Boston through her various Catholic church contacts and was also aware that it had a good reputation among people of her parish.
- After having visited the facility, Runge moved into Marian Manor in July 16. 2001. Either unknown to Runge, or without her fully understanding his actions, at or about the time of this move, Defendant Kelly drafted paperwork that would make himself not only her power of attorney but also her medical power of attorney for health problems. Defendant Kelly advised and had Runge sign paperwork, which he had prepared, to have himself appointed into these position so that he could act on Runge's behalf and most importantly, control her finances which included her life savings.
- Upon her moving into Marian Manor, Defendant Kelly made himself 17. Runge's primary point of contact for health problems. Defendant Kelly knew that Runge had a daughter, Dorothy, yet he readily usurped this position of authority with

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little to no contact with Runge's daughter or family. As a result, Runge's daughter could not receive any medical information concerning her mother directly from Marion Manor but, rather, she was forced to receive the information through Defendant Kelly. Defendant Kelly using color of law misrepresented himself to Runge as being able to act on her behalf.

- 18. Upon more fully understanding the significance of her appointment of a power of attorney, and after having met with her daughter on several occasions to discuss her care while at Marian Manor, and feeling more comfortable with her daughter, who was a health care professional, being able to address issues on her behalf from her home in North Carolina, Runge signed paperwork at Marion Manor to have her daughter, Dorothy, made her responsible party with Marion Manor.
- 19. After having lived at Marian Manor for numerous months in a room that was occupied by herself and another resident, which was a significant life change after having lived by herself for over 30 years, Runge decided that another assisted living facility, where she could have a private room, may be more appropriate for her lifestyle. She moved to Bayview Assisted Living on or about November 2002.
- While a resident at Bayview Assisted Living, Runge's prescription drug 20. card, which was one of her retirement benefits, was either stolen or misused by persons (employees) who were subsequently identified; an act which was highly upsetting to Runge. Runge had been in charge of her own affairs for many years and was very knowledgeable and independent in that regard. Runge became further upset when management was slow or failed to address her concerns as she felt that they were

somehow dismissing her concerns because of her age and sex, and were acting rather to protect their own employees. Defendant Kelly knew of these facts, however, failed to act on behalf of Runge.

- 21. In January 2003, Runge returned to her room at Bayview after having been out for the day to find that her room had been rummaged through by a person or persons, apparently looking for her valuables or drugs. Runge reported this to the Bayview staff, who took no apparent action. In fact, staff seemed to dismiss Runge's expressed concerns. This caused Runge to become agitated and angry and further caused her to take matters into her own capable hands and report the incident to the local police.
- 22. As a result of Runge's agitation, frustration and anger, but more probably, because Runge reported the incident to the local police and implicated staff, Bayview called Defendant Kelly to report the situation. Rather than address this situation on any fiduciary and concerned level on behalf of Runge, Defendant Kelly directed that Runge be taken to Kearny Hospital in Boston for a psychiatric evaluation. Upon information and belief, Defendant Kelly had only seen Runge on approximately two occasions in the preceding six months. Defendant Kelly had no firsthand knowledge of the need for such evaluation. Defendant Kelly, in his capacity of a fiduciary, misrepresented facts to Runge in order that she be held at Kearny Hospital.
- 23. Before leaving Bayview, Runge overheard Defendant Kelly, who was speaking to a staff member, say that she was "mental." This was emotionally traumatizing to Runge. Before she left Bayview, Runge asked Defendant Kelly what

would become of her and her possessions. Defendant Kelly indicated that he would take care of them. Runge made Defendant Kelly aware that her few remaining possessions which were in and decorated her living quarters at Bayview were important to her. Defendant Kelly became visibly upset and angry at Runge. Contrary to Defendant Kelly's advice that he should and would undertake fiduciary powers on Runge's behalf, Defendant Kelly did not faithfully fulfill his fiduciary obligations on behalf of Runge. Defendant Kelly did, however, charge Runge for his professional services for purportedly the time he was acting on her behalf.

- 24. Runge was discharged from Kearny Hospital, and upon information and belief, she was not returned to Bayview but rather, at the direction of Defendant Kelly, was taken to and admitted in Defendant Sunbridge, a skilled care facility with which Defendant Kelly was very familiar and had a professional relationship as other elderly clients of Defendant Kelly had been or were residents there.
- 25. Runge had no previous experience with or knowledge of Defendant Sunbridge, was not aware that she was being taken to Defendant Sunbridge and did not voluntarily consent to being admitted there nor to any skilled care facility. Runge had questioned Defendant Kelly as to when she could be discharged from Kearny Hospital, questioning options with Defendant Kelly as to where she could then live, when he had falsely advised her she could not return to Bayview. Defendant Kelly insisted and directed that Runge could not return to Bayview but rather would go to Defendant Sunbridge, and he presented her with no other option. Defendant Kelly did not discuss this decision with Runge nor did he discuss this with her daughter, Dorothy Stanley.

- Defendant Kelly provided admission paperwork for Sunbridge to Runge 26. and directed that she needed to execute said paperwork so that he could satisfy her financial obligations to live at the facility. No discussion took place concerning the implications of her signing the admission paperwork. Defendant Kelly failed to properly advise Runge in this regard. Defendant Kelly facilitated Runge's admission to Defendant Sunbridge knowing full well that she had no desire to be at the facility. Upon information and belief, Defendant Kelly had a relationship with Defendant Sunbridge and both served to benefit by Runge's admission.
- Runge found the living conditions and care at Defendant Sunbridge to be 27. deplorable and unacceptable. Runge was very unhappy during her stay at Defendant Sunbridge. On numerous occasions she requested that Defendant Kelly facilitate her move to more appropriate care and living accommodations. Defendant Kelly refused and did not take any action in that regard. Runge advised Defendant Kelly that she was being forced to take medications that were unnecessary and impaired her mental capacity. Defendant Kelly took no action. Defendant Kelly refused Runge's various requests for help and required that she stay at Defendant Sunbridge. Defendant Kelly took no affirmative action to help Runge, address her concerns or provide a more suitable living situation.
- During her stay at Defendant Sunbridge, Runge received numerous 28. medications which impaired her cognitive abilities. These medications caused her to be in a stupor and to feel as though she was intoxicated. These medications affected her motor skills, including her ability to walk. These medications also caused her to be

groggy and sleep more hours during the day than usual. During January, February, March and April 2003, Runge, while resident at Defendant Sunbridge, was held captive and against her will at that facility. Upon information and belief, Defendants Kelly and Sunbridge conspired to keep Runge in this state of diminished capacity. Upon information and belief, Defendant Sunbridge took no action to have her moved to an assisted living environment because keeping Runge at Sunbridge was financially lucrative. Runge was a private pay resident which allowed Defendant Sunbridge to collect higher daily rates than from its Medical Assistance residents.

- 29. In March 2003, with the help of a staff nurse, Runge was able to purloin writing paper, an envelope and stamp, and as a result, wrote a letter to her daughter, Dorothy Stanley. Runge advised her daughter of her predicament and the fact that she was being held against her will at Defendant Sunbridge and that Defendant Kelly would do nothing to assist her. Defendant Kelly had refused to act on Runge's request that he have her medications stopped or adjusted and that he have her moved to other living accommodations.
- When Runge questioned her need to take the medication, not only 30. management at the nursing home, but also Defendant Kelly insisted that she take the medication indicating that if she refused to take medication, it would be forced upon her. In fact, during a conversation with Dorothy Stanley about April 25, 2003, Defendant Kelly indicated that he was considering having a guardian appointed to force Runge, against her will, to take medication. During that conversation, both Dorothy Stanley and her husband advised Defendant Kelly that they felt Runge was

being overmedicated by the care providers at Defendant Sunbridge. The Stanleys indicated that Defendant Kelly should not take any action to appoint a guardian and that they would travel to Boston from their North Carolina residence, arriving Wednesday, April 30, to assess the situation.

- 31. On or about April 29, 2003, Runge's daughter, Dorothy Stanley, along with her husband, visited Runge in her room at Defendant Sunbridge. Dorothy Stanley had purposefully arrived one day earlier than Defendant Kelly and Defendant Sunbridge had anticipated so that she could observe their mother's condition. During that visit, Runge directed the staff, who seemed quite concerned that her daughter had arrived one day early, to provide her daughter with Runge's medical records, however, the nursing staff and administration refused to follow the directions of the resident and did not give her those records. Upon information and belief, Defendant Kelly had advised the staff not to provide these records to the family of Runge. Defendant Sunbridge's refusal constitutes abuse.
- 32. During the April 29 discussion between Runge and her daughter, it was learned by Runge's daughter, Dorothy, that while at Defendant Sunbridge, Runge was denied her usual medical care from her podiatrist, dentist, ear doctor and eye doctor. Runge had not been provided with adequate clothing and personal hygiene products. These actions constitute abuse. Runge had not been given money in order to purchase these items or to purchase writing stationery or stamps. She had been denied access to the phone in order to be able to call her daughter.

- 33. After having long discussions with her daughter, Runge indicated that she wanted to "fire" Defendant Kelly as she did not trust him and wanted no more to do with him. Runge indicated that she felt he was taking her money while treating her with contempt. Dorothy Stanley placed a call to Defendant Kelly's office and left a message in his voice mail system directing him to call Stanley to discuss her mother, the conditions at Defendant Sunbridge and Defendant Kelly's dismissal as her mother's attorney.
- 34. Dorothy Stanley asked Runge whether Runge wanted her daughter to become her health care proxy rather than Defendant Kelly. Runge indicated that she would be delighted to have her daughter serve as her health care proxy. Moreover, Runge indicated that she wanted her son-in-law, Gilbert Stanley, to be her power of attorney. Runge made it clear that she did not want Defendant Kelly to ever act on her behalf again.
- 35. After repeatedly representing to Defendant Sunbridge that she wanted nothing further to do with Defendant Kelly, Runge and her daughter and son-in-law took a trip outside of the facility, at which time they executed documentation which revoked Defendant Kelly's authority to serve as Runge's health care proxy and power of attorney. Moreover, Runge executed documentation which then appointed Dorothy Stanley her health care proxy and her son-in-law, Gilbert Stanley, her power of attorney. These documents were notarized before a Massachusetts notary public prior to Runge's return to the facility some hours later. At that time, there was no

adjudication that Runge was incapacitated or lacked the capacity to make such appointments.

- 36. While Dorothy and Gilbert Stanley were meeting with Defendant Sunbridge's nursing and administrative staff with regard to the appointment to act on their mother's behalf and her discharge from the facility, Defendant Bloomingdale, without request or permission from either Runge or Dorothy Stanley, her then health care proxy, entered Runge's room and purportedly gave a medical examination or consultation by asking her several questions including, "Why don't you want to take your medicine?"
- 37. Runge's response to Defendant Bloomingdale was, "If I don't need medicine then no one should tell me what to take." Runge further questioned, "If you didn't have a headache, would you take Tylenol in case you might get one?" Defendant Bloomingdale answered her question saying that he would not and thereafter left Runge's room.
- 38. Upon information and belief, the conversation between Runge and Defendant Bloomingdale was brief, lasting only several minutes, however, upon information and belief, Defendant Bloomingdale rendered a medical opinion at the direction of Defendant Kelly and Defendant Sunbridge that Runge was mentally incompetent as a result of his brief and solitary interaction with her. Upon information and belief, Defendant Bloomingdale was requested to examine Runge by Defendant Kelly, who by that time had no authority to act on her behalf. Alternatively, Defendant Bloomingdale was requested to examine Runge by Defendant Sunbridge who had

knowledge that Runge wanted to leave the facility. Upon further information and belief, Defendant Bloomingdale has a business relationship with Defendant Sunbridge and generates substantial professional fees while performing services at their request for residents. The examination by Defendant Bloomingdale failed to meet any acceptable standards of practice.

- 39. Dorothy and Gilbert Stanley informed Runge that Defendant Sunbridge's staff would not recognize the health care proxy or the power of attorney and would not allow Runge to be discharged. Runge was visibly and emotionally upset to learn that Defendant Sunbridge would not follow her wishes. Runge expressed her desire to leave the facility with her daughter and son-in-law and to reside with them in North Carolina. Management at Defendant Sunbridge was fully made aware that their actions were directly against the wishes of Runge and her fiduciaries, Dorothy and Gilbert Stanley. Such conduct by Defendant Sunbridge constitutes abuse. Upon information and belief, management of Defendant Sunbridge was acting at the direction or in concert with Defendant Kelly and Defendant Bloomingdale in refusing to allow Runge to be discharged.
- 40. On April 30, Dorothy and Gilbert Stanley arrived at Defendant Sunbridge at approximately 2:00 p.m. and were told by the staff that Defendant Kelly had directed that Runge not be allowed to leave the nursing floor. This fact was significant to the Stanleys as Defendant Kelly had not returned their phone call nor had he made any effort to discuss Runge's situation with them. Rather, it appeared that Defendant Kelly was orchestrating a scheme to hold Runge at the facility against her will. Defendant

Sunbridge had made Defendant Kelly aware that his power of attorney had been revoked by Runge. After a long discussion, during which the management of Defendant Sunbridge was again told by the Stanleys that Defendant Kelly had no authority to act on Runge's behalf, the Stanleys insisted that Runge be allowed to leave the facility. At no time did staff from Defendant Sunbridge communicate with Runge to gain an understanding of her desire. After some period of time, staff agreed that Runge could accompany her children from her nursing floor to the first floor lobby in order to have a private conversation as long as a large male nursing assistant and employee of Defendant Sunbridge accompany them. Upon information and belief, this was not typical procedure for Defendant Sunbridge who was attempting to influence and intimidate both Runge and the Stanleys and prevent Runge from voluntarily discharging herself.

- 41. Upon reaching the front lobby of the building, Runge's children ushered her through the door and into their waiting vehicle. The large male nursing assistant, along with other employees, attempted to physically restrain Runge and her children from exiting the building. One if not several employees grabbed both Dorothy and Gilbert Stanley in an attempt to stop them and prevent Runge from departing.
- 42. Once the Stanleys and Runge were finally in their vehicle, the vehicle was slowly driven down the driveway and the employees moved aside. At about this time, it appeared that the facility had summoned the local police as a police cruiser was coming up Defendant Sunbridge's driveway as Runge was exiting the facility with her children. The employees, including several attendants, the social worker supervisor

and the nursing home director, attempted to prevent the vehicle from leaving by standing in front and back of the vehicle.

- **4**3. Runge accompanied her children to their residence in North Carolina, where she remains today. The day after this event, Runge caused the facility to be called by a third party and informed Defendant Sunbridge that she was safe and that there should be no concern for her wellbeing. Likewise, Defendant Kelly received the same phone call advising him of Runge's wellbeing and that she could be contacted at her new residence in North Carolina with her daughter, Dorothy Stanley. Defendant Sunbridge was directed to send Runge's belongings to the North Carolina address, however, the facility refused to cooperate in any manner, indicating that this was a police matter.
- 44. Upon arrival in North Carolina, Runge was taken by her children to the local hospital for a physical examination by a qualified medical doctor. Runge was also given a psychiatric evaluation which indicated that she was a competent, well-oriented, 85-year old female, who was in no need of psychiatric or psychotropic medication.
- 45. At no time did Runge authorize Defendant Kelly to act on her behalf as a temporary guardian. Upon information and belief, on April 30, 2003, in the midst of the above events occurring, Defendant Kelly, rather than being concerned with Runge's medical wellbeing or contacting the Stanleys, contacted her two financial institutions, Hyde Park Credit Union and Member Service Credit Union, directing both financial institutions to freeze her accounts. Defendant Kelly took this action knowing that he had no authority to act on behalf of Runge and also knowing that freezing her access to

her financial accounts could have a potential and significant effect on her health. Upon information and belief, these actions were taken in concert with Defendant Sunbridge in order that the Defendants could obtain funds from these accounts.

- 46. The Nursing Home Reform Act, part of Title XIX of the Social Security Act, requires that nursing facilities, in accordance with a written plan of care, provide services and activities to attain or maintain the highest practicable physical, mental and psychosocial well-being of each resident. . . . 42 U.S.C. § 1396r(b)(2). Under such plan of care, nursing homes such as Defendant Sunbridge must ensure that the resident receives services necessary to allow him or her to ambulate. 42 C.F.R. § 483.25. To develop this plan of care, nursing facilities must upon an individual's entry into the facility and periodically thereafter "conduct a comprehensive, accurate, standardized, reproducible assessment of each resident's functional capacity." 42 U.S.C. § 1396r(b)(3)(A). Its assessments include an individual's potential for discharge as well as his or her physical functioning. 42 C.F.R. § 483.20(b). Under Title XIX, nursing facilities must provide residents with "sufficient preparation" to ensure their "safe and orderly transfer or discharge" from the facility. 42 C.F.R. § 483.12(a)(7). State Medicaid agencies are responsible for ensuring that nursing facilities who receive medical assistance comply with the Nursing Home Reform Act's provisions. Defendant Sunbridge failed to meet and comply with these provisions.
- 47. On or about May 2, 2003, three days after Runge had left Defendant Sunbridge's facility, as well as the State of Massachusetts, and with full knowledge of that fact, Defendant Kelly filed an ex parte petition seeking to have himself appointed

as guardian of Runge. Prior to filing such petition, Defendants Kelly and Sunbridge had knowledge that Runge had dismissed him as her counsel and revoked both the power of attorney and medical power of attorney which had previously authorized him to act on her behalf if necessary. Defendants Kelly and Sunbridge had been notified that Runge had made a choice to leave Sunbridge voluntarily and that she was safe and well and living with her daughter in North Carolina. Defendant Kelly enlisted the aid of Defendant Bloomingdale and Defendant Sunbridge in presenting his petition, misrepresenting facts to the court and having himself appointed guardian of Runge.

- 48. Prior to having himself appointed guardian of Runge, Defendant Kelly notified North Carolina police local to Runge and her daughter and son-in-law, the Stanleys, and reported that she was being held against her will. This false reporting by Defendant Kelly was made for the purpose of aiding and abetting his scheme to have himself appointed as guardian of Runge to gain control over her financial estate and to cause embarrassment and harm to both Runge and the Stanleys.
- 49. Upon information and belief, soon after Defendant Kelly's ex parte appointment as the guardian of Runge, he undertook a scheme to distribute funds from her estate to make payment for services allegedly rendered by himself, Defendant Bloomingdale and Defendant Sunbridge.

#### **COUNT I**

#### 42 U.S.C. § 1983

50. Plaintiff incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 49 of this Complaint as though same were fully set forth at length herein.

- 51. Defendants Kelly, Bloomingdale and Sunbridge, acting on the color of Massachusetts law, subjected Plaintiff to the deprivation of the following rights, privileges and immunities secured by the Constitution and laws of the United States when they decided to hold her against her will and wishes, not permit her to be discharged from the facility and also not permit her to have access to a meaningful institutional remedy for the violation of her rights.
- The Defendants deprived Plaintiff of her right of free speech under a. the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution by having her inappropriately medicated, isolated and not allowing her to discharge herself.
- b. The Defendants deprived Plaintiff of her right to equal protection under the laws as guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution by intensely basing their decisions to an impermissible extent on Plaintiff's age and sex.
- The Defendants deprived Plaintiff of her right to due process of law C. under the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution by refusing to remedy the wrongful actions causing Plaintiff to be improperly confined against her will and failing to abide by her wishes or any procedural requirements to prevent her voluntary discharge from Sunbridge.
- d. Defendant denied Plaintiff her privileges and immunities secured by the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution and due process and equal protection of law under that amendment by impermissibly basing their actions on Plaintiff's exercise of rights guaranteed by the First Amendment of the United States

Constitution and other laws of the Massachusetts, as well as upon Plaintiff's age, sex and upon personal malice toward Plaintiff.

52. As a result of the foregoing deprivations, Plaintiff was or has been unlawfully detained from her choice of free movement and failed to obtain the privileges and rights to which she would otherwise be entitled, has suffered anxiety and other depression, has suffered humiliation and embarrassment as a result of being unlawfully detained and prevented from her free movement, she has suffered and will continue to suffer losses and other compensatory damages to be proven at trial.

#### COUNT II

## 42 U.S.C. § 1985

- 53. Plaintiff incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 52 of this Complaint as though same were fully set forth at length herein.
- 54. Defendants Kelly, Bloomingdale and Sunbridge conspired for the purpose of depriving Plaintiff the protection of the laws and of equal privileges and immunities under the laws by overmedicating her and preventing her from voluntarily discharging herself from admission at Defendant Sunbridge's facility; Defendants' conduct in this regard was motivated impermissibly by Plaintiff's age and sex, by personal malice against Plaintiff and by improper consideration of Plaintiff's exercise of free speech under the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.
- 55. In furtherance of the objective of this conspiracy to deprive Plaintiff of the equal protection of laws and her privileges and immunities under the laws, the

Defendants have caused or caused to be done the acts set forth in this Complaint which resulted in Plaintiff's denial of remedial rights.

56. Plaintiff sustained injury to her person and property and was deprived of exercising her rights and privileges as a citizen by virtue of the conduct of the conspiring Defendants. Plaintiff's allegations and damages in Paragraph 58 are incorporated herein by reference.

#### COUNT III

#### State Law Claim

- 57. Plaintiff incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 56 of this Complaint as though same were fully set forth at length herein.
- 58. The conduct of Defendants as alleged in the foregoing claims constitute negligence as it deviates from the standards of care owed by them to Runge.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Helen A. Runge, respectfully requests that this Honorable Court enter an order on Counts I, II and III providing the following:

- a. That Plaintiff recover from Defendants, jointly and severally, damages including compensatory damages in excess of \$75,000.00, exemplary punitive damages and such other monetary relief as the Court deems just.
- b. That Plaintiff recover from Defendants, jointly and severally, her costs, including expert witness fees and reasonable attorney's fees, together with such other remedies as may be provided by law.
  - c. That the Court grant such other relief as it deems just and proper.

    Plaintiff demands a jury trial.

#### COUNT IV

### State Law Claim

- 59. Plaintiff incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 58 of this Complaint as though same were fully set forth at length herein.
- 60. The conduct of Defendant Kelly as alleged in the foregoing paragraphs is in breach of his contract with Runge to provide professional services.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Helen A. Runge, respectfully requests that this Honorable Court enter an order on Count IV providing the following:

- a. That Plaintiff recover from Defendant Kelly damages including compensatory damages, exemplary punitive damages and such other monetary relief as the Court deems just.
- b. That Plaintiff recover from Defendant Kelly her costs, including expert witness fees and reasonable attorney's fees, together with such other remedies as may be provided by law.
  - c. That the Court grant such other relief as it deems just and proper.

    Plaintiff demands a jury trial.

#### COUNT V

#### State Law Claim

61. Plaintiff incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 60 of this Complaint as though same were fully set forth at length herein.

The conduct of Defendant Kelly and Defendant Sunbridge as alleged in 62. the foregoing paragraphs is in breach of those Defendants' fiduciary duty owed to Runge.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Helen A. Runge, respectfully requests that this Honorable Court enter an order on Count V providing the following:

- That Plaintiff recover from Defendants Kelly and Sunbridge, jointly a. and severally, damages including compensatory damages, exemplary punitive damages and such other monetary relief as the Court deems just.
- b. That Plaintiff recover from Defendants Kelly and Sunbridge, jointly and severally, her costs, including expert witness fees and reasonable attorney's fees, together with such other remedies as may be provided by law.
  - That the Court grant such other relief as it deems just and proper. c. Plaintiff demands a jury trial.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CIVIL COVER SHEET

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and Sunbridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Polk, N. Carolina (b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES) (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY) NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE LAND INVOLVED. (c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number) (717) 761–1880 Attorneys (If Known). Glenn R. Davis; Latsha Davis Yohe & McKenna P.O. Box 825, Harrisburg, PA 17108-0825 II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only) III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES(Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff (For Diversity Cases Only) and One Box for Defendant) DEF DEF U.S. Government Federal Ouestion PTF Citizen of This State XIX 1 Incorporated or Principal Place  $\Box$  4 7 4 Plaintiff (U.S. Government Not a Party) of Business In This State XX 2 □ 2 Incorporated and Principal Place □ 5 XX 4 Diversity Citizen of Another State ☐ 5  $\square$  2 U.S. Government of Business In Another State Defendant (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

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